

# Composite Bosonic Dark Matter

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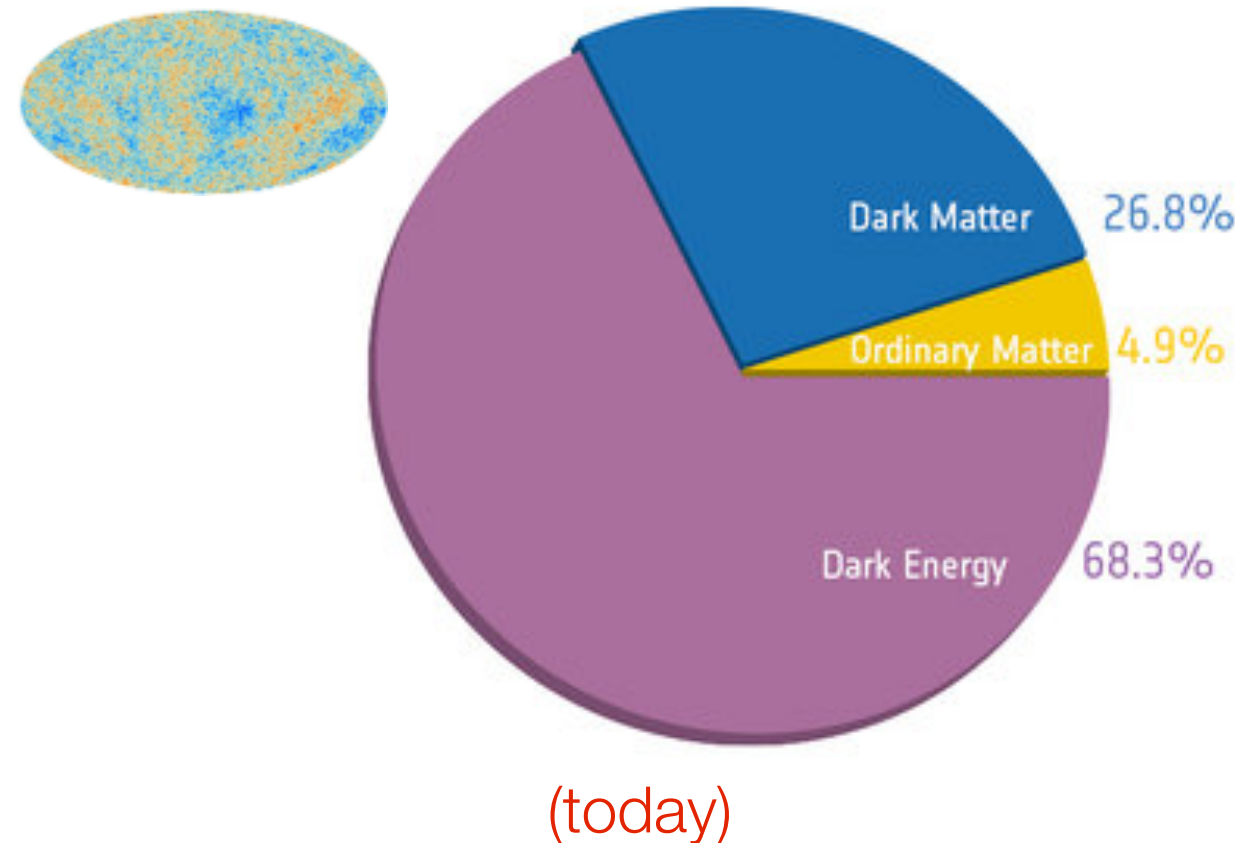
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# Motivation - the dark universe

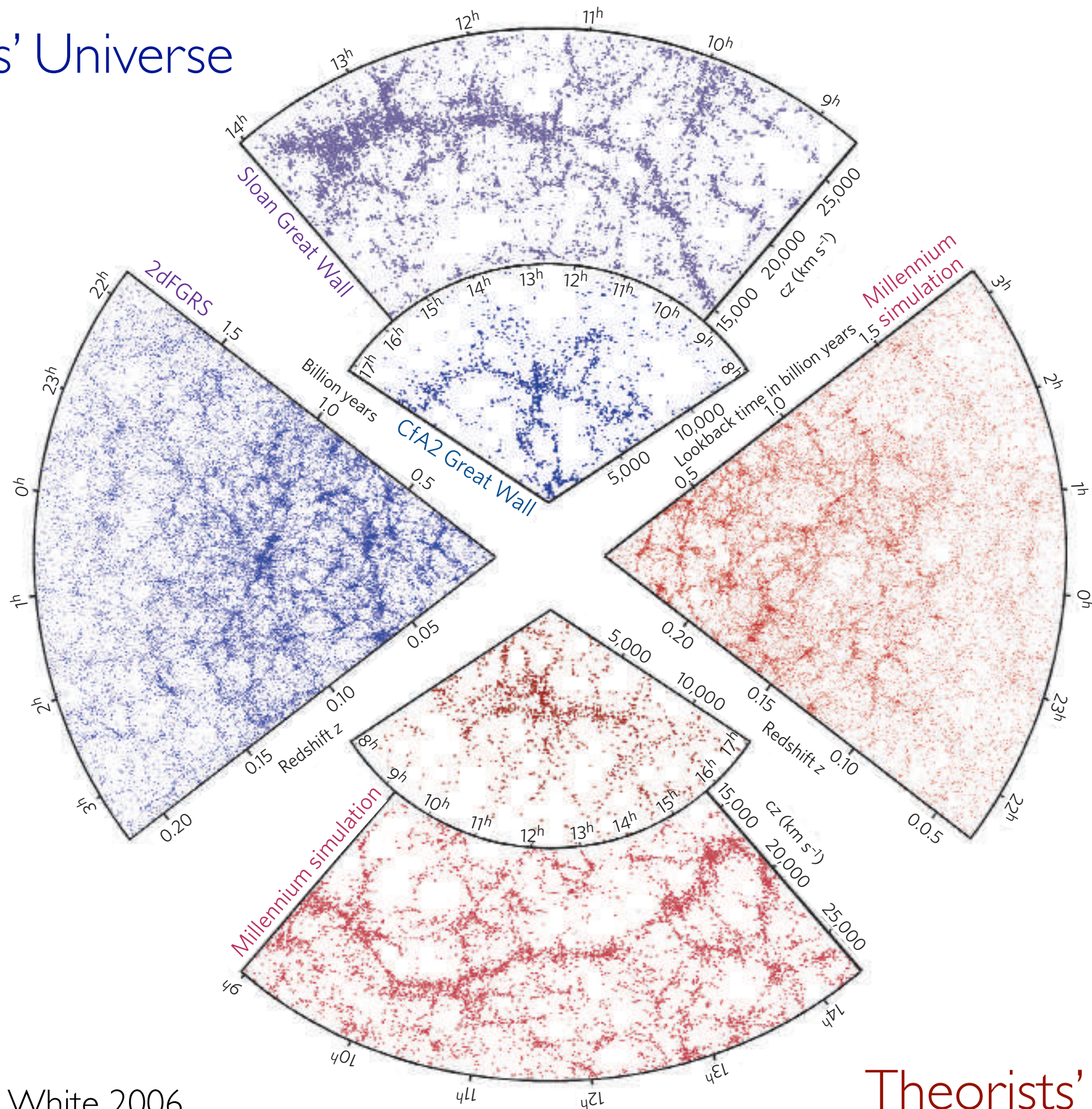
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- Our universe is mostly dark! Substantial evidence for dark matter (galactic rotation, gravitational lensing, large-scale structure.)
- No obvious connection between DM and ordinary matter (SM) except gravity...so why is there roughly the same amount of each?



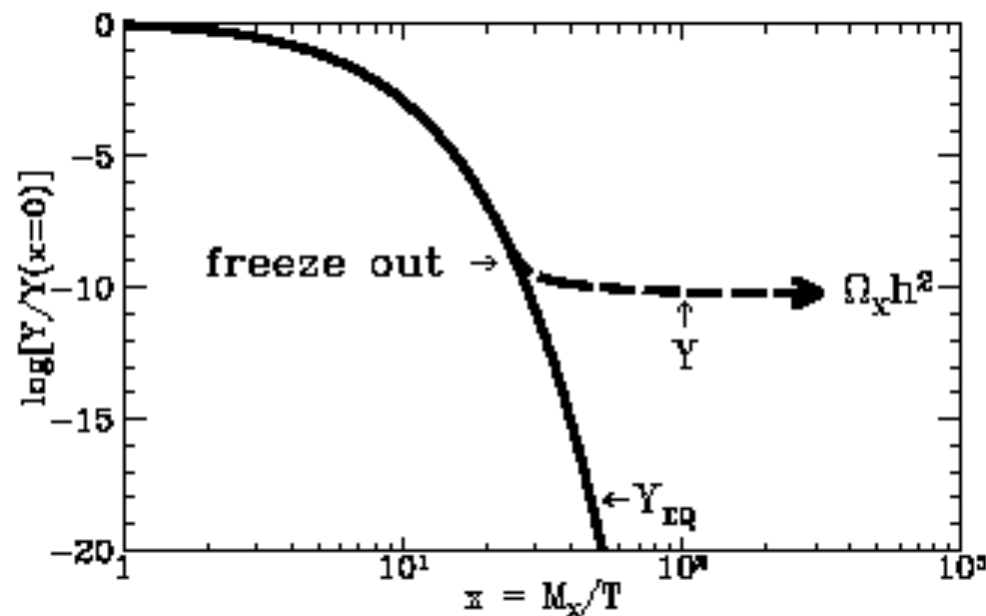


# Observers' Universe



# Dark matter relic density

[http://ned.ipac.caltech.edu/level5/Kolb/Kolb5\\_1.html](http://ned.ipac.caltech.edu/level5/Kolb/Kolb5_1.html)



- Dark matter could be a thermal relic (WIMP miracle):

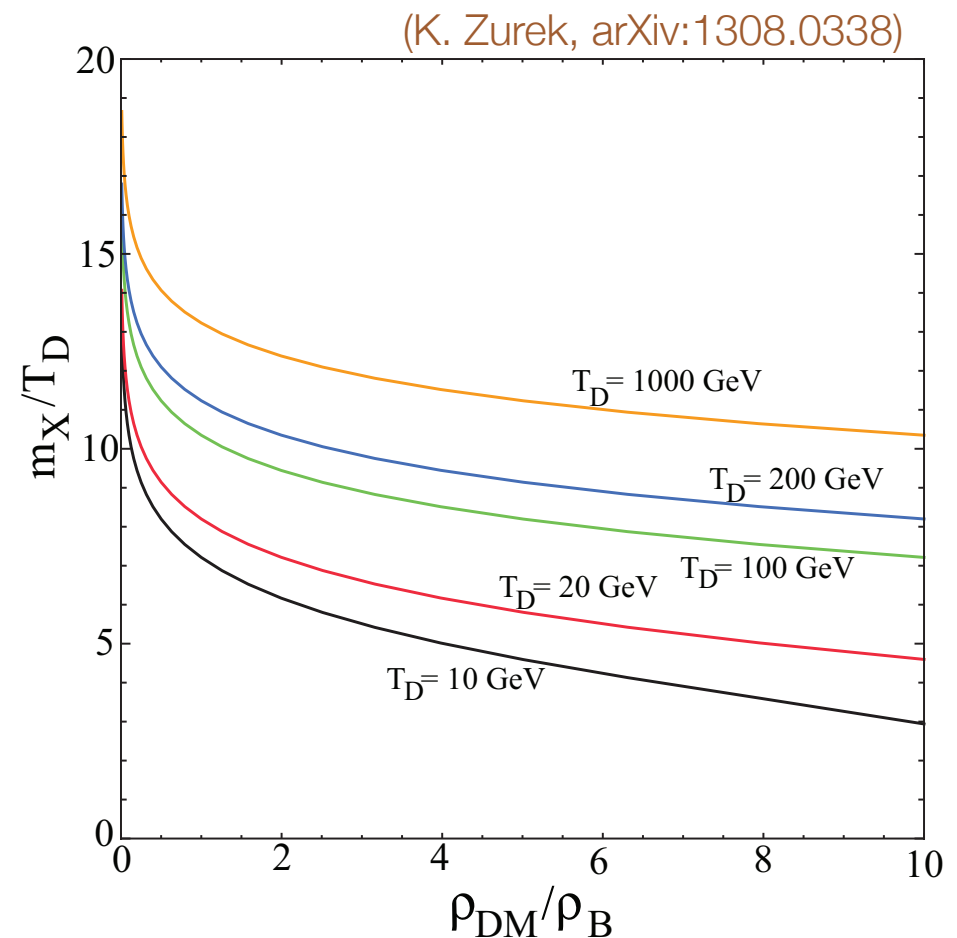
$$\langle \sigma v \rangle_{\text{ann}} \sim 1 \text{ pb} \sim \frac{\alpha^2}{(100 \text{ GeV})^2}$$

- Requires interaction w/SM heat bath!

- Dark matter could arise from a primordial asymmetry:

$$n_\ell - n_{\bar{\ell}} \sim n_b - n_{\bar{b}} \sim n_D - n_{\bar{D}}$$

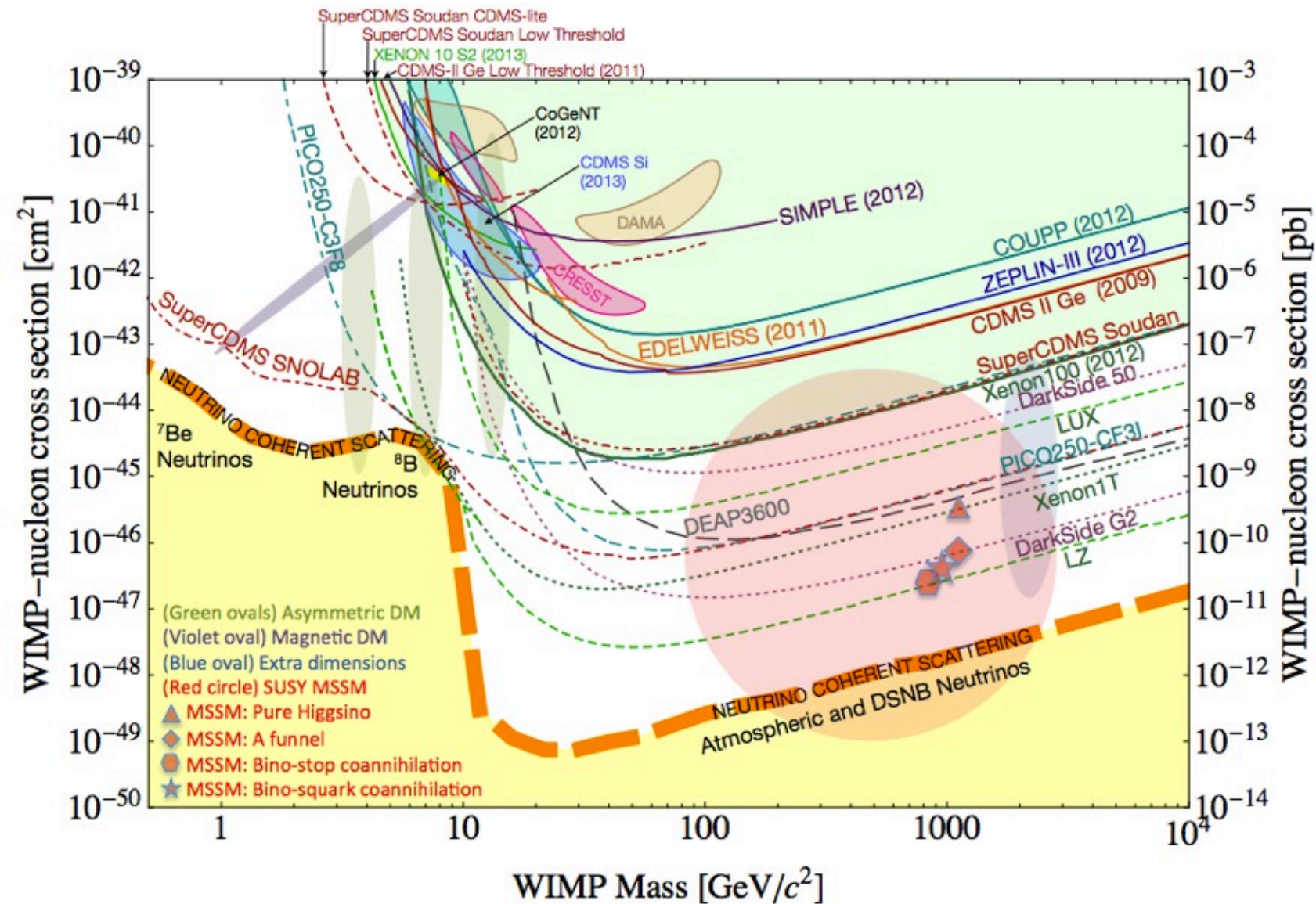
- Once again, coupling to SM in early universe essential. (Strong self-coupling to wash out thermal relic helps too!)





# Putting the “dark” in dark matter

- Most obvious scenarios ruled out long ago (e.g. the WIMP can't actually exchange Z bosons at tree level -  $10^{-38}$  xsec.)
- Asymmetric scenarios tend to favor light DM, where sensitivity is lower, but still constrained. Important to look everywhere we can, though!



(from talk by B. Edwards, LME 2013 workshop)

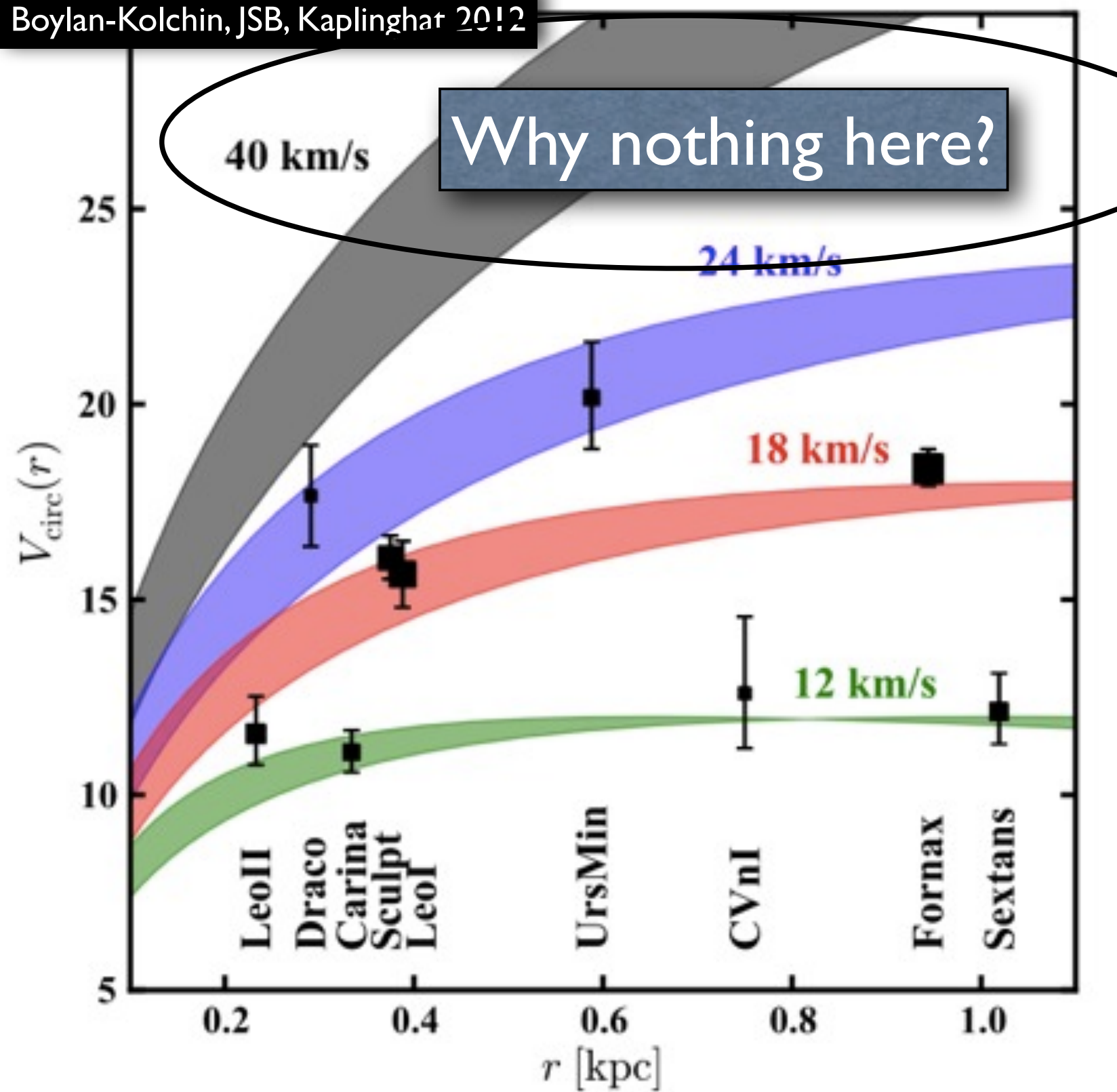
# Self-interacting dark matter

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- Cold, collisionless DM paradigm is great at large-scale structure, but has problems explaining behavior of dwarf galaxies (DM-dominated)
- “Core vs. cusp”: observed velocity distribution of dwarf galaxies points to less DM abundance in center of galaxy than expected from simulation (cored profile)
- “Missing satellites”: Not enough dwarf galaxy satellites seen around the Milky Way (and the missing ones are the most massive expected!)
- Strongly self-interacting DM can resolve these problems without affecting large-scale structure! Need cross section around  $0.5 \text{ cm}^2/\text{g}$  (a **barn** for GeV dark matter!!)

# Summary of the Too Big To Fail problem:

Boylan-Kolchin, JSB, Kaplinghat 2012



Expect 5-40  
subhalos with  
 $V_{\text{max}} > 25$  km/s

(from 44 simulations)

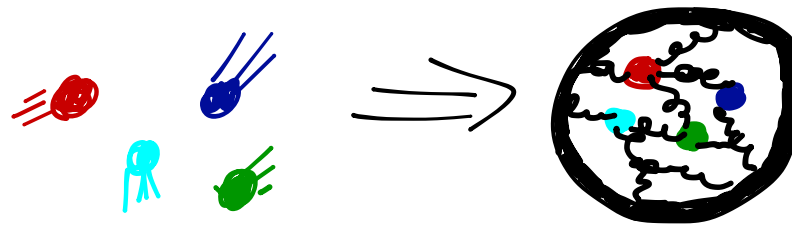
Garrison-Kimmel et al. in prep



# Composite dark matter

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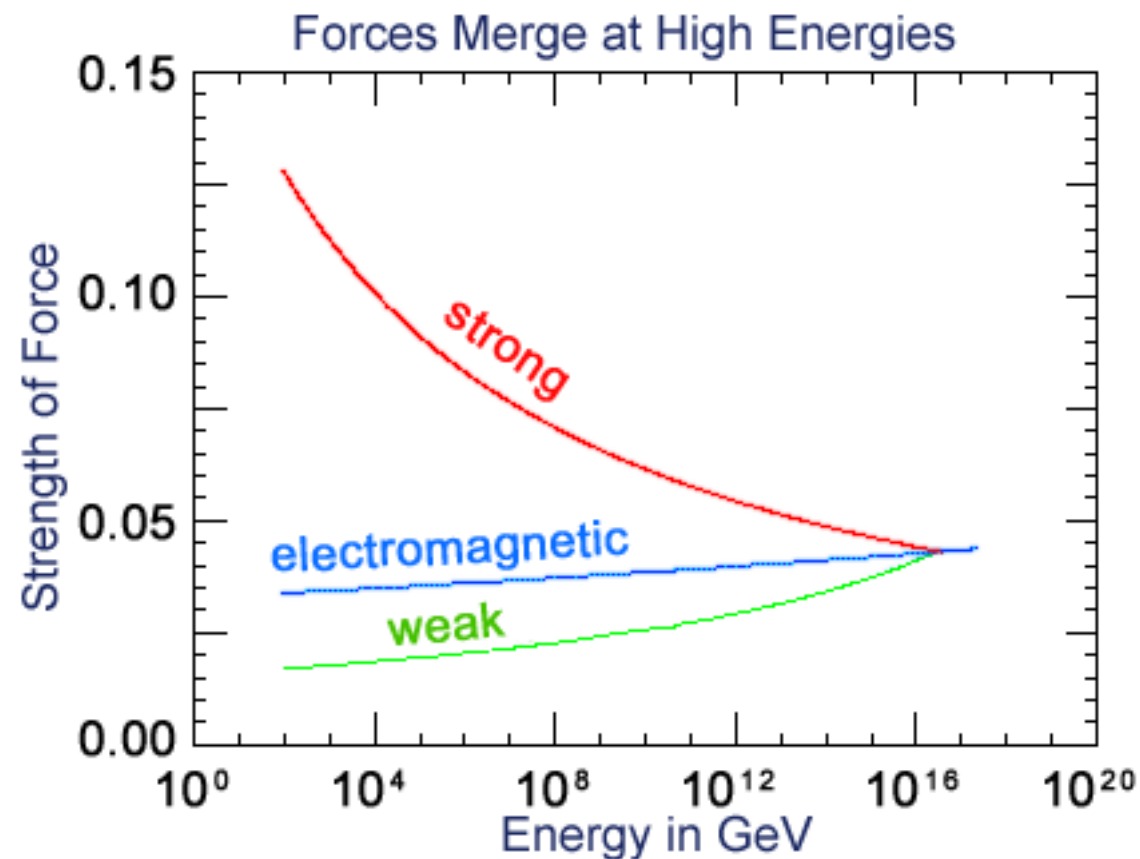
- Many solutions, but one well-motivated option is composite dark matter - specifically, DM as a strongly-bound state of some more fundamental objects



- Fundamental particles can carry tree-level SM charges, be active in early universe, then confined today
- Inspiration from neutron of QCD (“rescaling” QCD and messing with some of the parameters gives a stable, neutral baryon.)

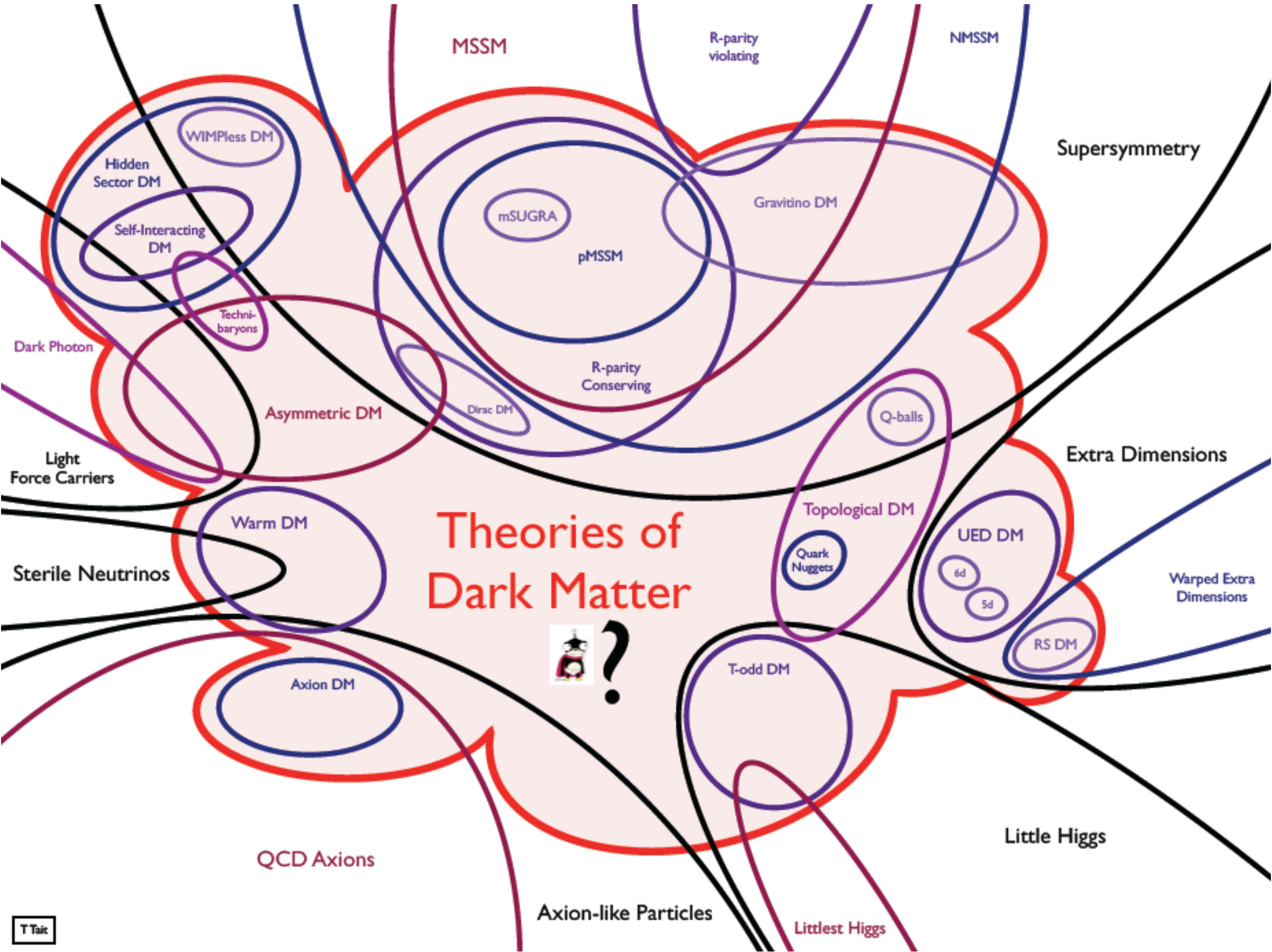
# How ad-hoc is this, anyway?

<http://www.particleadventure.org/grand.html>



- Composite Higgs theories usually give rise to dark matter that looks like this (analogue of baryon number)
- Also, decoupled dark gauge sectors can appear as hidden sectors arising from GUT or string-inspired models.
- This isn't the weirdest DM candidate model out there...

(borrowed from T. Tait)





# Bosonic dark matter

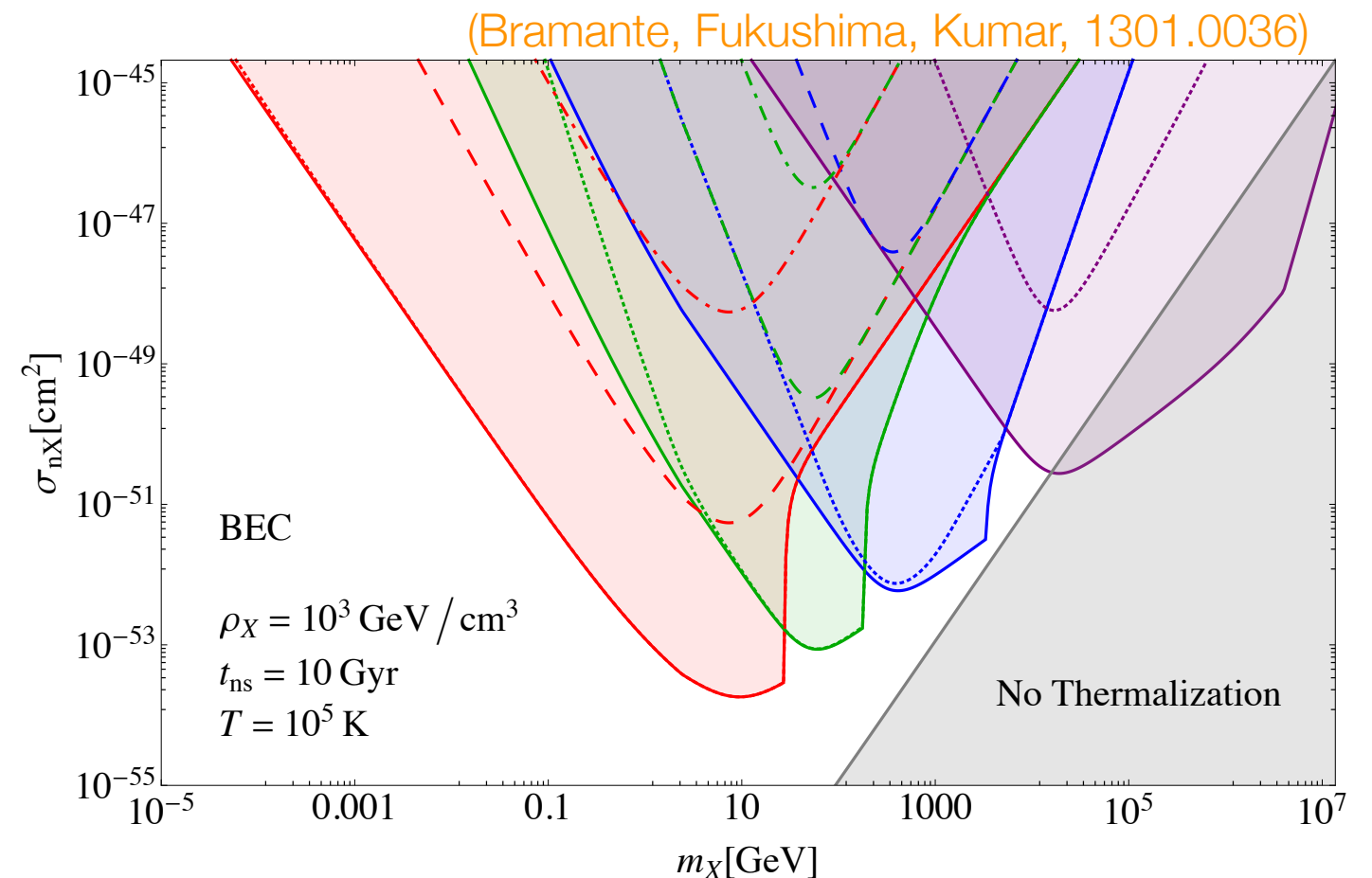
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- Why study composite bosonic dark matter, in particular?
- “Because it’s there” - plenty of strongly-coupled theories where baryon-like states contain even number of fermions. In this talk:  $SU(4)$  gauge theory.
- Different phenomenology - operators in effective theory for e.g. direct detection are somewhat different (I’ll come back to this in detail.)
- Other astrophysical consequences...?



# Dark matter and the fate of neutron stars

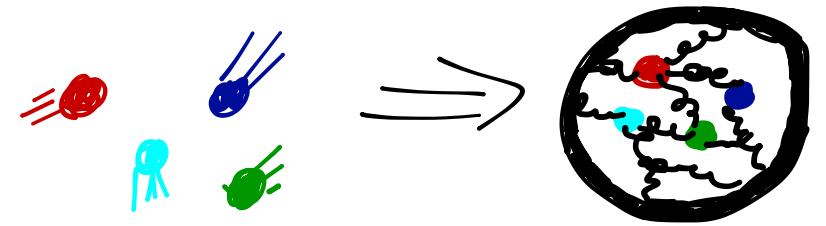
- Oldest neutron stars seen  $\sim 10$  Gyrs. Constraint on bosonic DM, which can accumulate and cause collapse to black hole (especially if BEC forms!)
- Self-interaction/annihilation reduce DM density and weaken bounds
- For a strongly-coupled dark sector both the QCD and DM interiors of the neutron star could be in exotic states...



- Exotic neutron star cores with color superconducting quark matter and no electrons give rise to very large thermalization times which protects neutron stars from their possible destruction as a result of DM accretion. Hence the discovery of asymmetric, bosonic DM could motivate the existence of exotic neutron star cores.

(Bertoni, Nelson, Reddy, 1309.1721)

# Four-color DM: the basic idea



- $SU(4)$  with some fundamental-representation fermions. Similar enough to QCD that our intuition should help. Simplest such theory with bosonic DM candidate (also  $SU(2)$ , but enhanced chiral symmetry makes it weird - see my BNL talk from April)
- 4 is large enough that we can use large- $N_c$  for some predictions, at least to start. It's also small enough that we can do lattice simulations practically.
- We consider the model in isolation from EW symmetry breaking, for maximum generality. but insights here could be incorporated into a composite Higgs model.
- Model work in progress, mainly with Graham Kribs and Mike Buchoff.



# Fermion content and charge assignments

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- Motivation: minimal set of fermions to allow coupling to SM electroweak, including Higgs boson. Need  $SU(2)_L$  doublet + singlets.
- Choose to impose  $SU(2)_R$  global as well; embed hypercharge as shown. Leaves custodial  $SU(2)$  to suppress contributions to precision EW, etc.
- Most general mass matrix allows both vector-like and Yukawa mass terms.
- Set Yukawas equal and stack into Dirac spinors:

Field	$SU(4)_D$	$(SU(2)_L, SU(2)_R)$
$F_1$	$\mathbf{4}$	$(\mathbf{2}, \mathbf{1})$
$F_2$	$\bar{\mathbf{4}}$	$(\bar{\mathbf{2}}, \mathbf{1})$
$F_3$	$\mathbf{4}$	$(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2})$
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$$Y = T_{3,L} + T_{3,R}$$

$$\mathcal{L} \supset m_{12} F_1 F_2 + m_{34} F_3 F_4 + h.c.,$$

$$\mathcal{L} \supset y_{14} F_1 H F_4 + y_{23} F_2 H^\dagger F_3 + h.c.$$

$$\psi_L \equiv \begin{pmatrix} F_1 \\ F_2^\dagger \end{pmatrix}, \psi_R \equiv \begin{pmatrix} F_3 \\ F_4^\dagger \end{pmatrix}$$

# Fermion mass matrix

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- Mass matrix to be diagonalized:

$$\mathcal{L} \supset (\bar{\psi}_L \bar{\psi}_R) \begin{pmatrix} m_{12} & yv \\ yv & m_{34} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_L \\ \psi_R \end{pmatrix}$$

- Can be done with one real mixing angle: ( $\Delta \equiv m_{34} - m_{12}$ )

$$\sin^2 \theta = \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{\Delta}{\sqrt{4y^2 v^2 + \Delta^2}} \right) \quad M_{\pm} = \frac{1}{2} \left( m_{12} + m_{34} \pm \sqrt{4y^2 v^2 + \Delta^2} \right)$$

- Vacuum alignment is a concern (we don't want to break EW symmetry appreciably at a higher scale!) Work in progress, but for now focus on EW-preserving limit,

$$yv \ll m_{12}, m_{34}$$



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# Lattice simulation details

- Simplest approach to start: unimproved Wilson fermions, plaquette action
- All results so far are quenched (no fermion loops.) Studying heavy fermions and larger  $N_c$ , so should result in smaller errors than quenching QCD.
- Implemented using the Chroma code base - 2c/4c merged back into public repository

## Nucl.Phys. B225 (1983) 156 Results

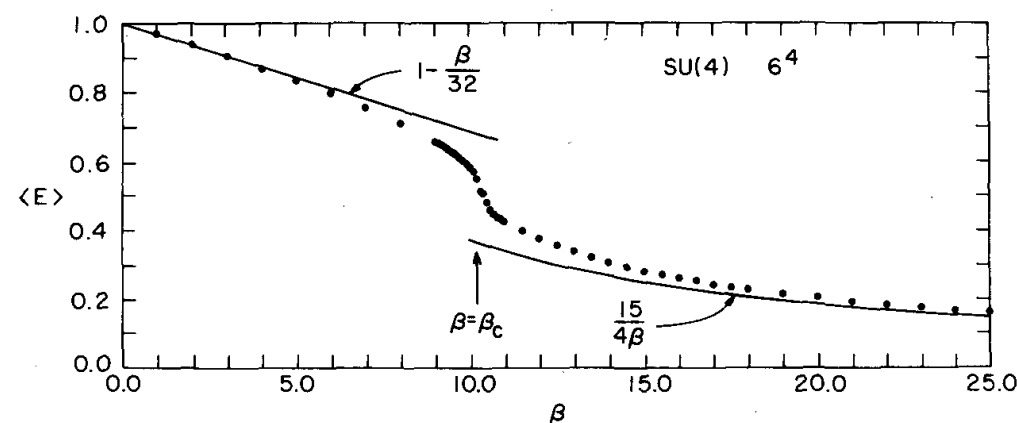
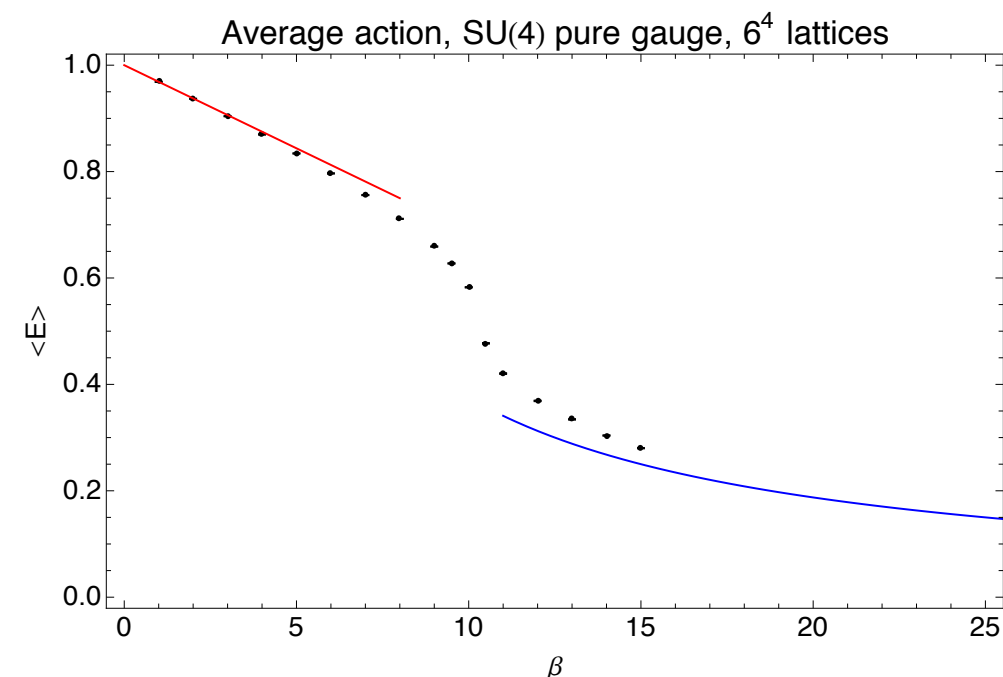


Fig. 10. The average action per plaquette  $\langle E \rangle$  for pure SU(4) gauge theory on a  $6^4$  lattice as a function of the inverse temperature  $\beta$ . The curves represent the leading-order high- and low-temperature expansions of eqs. (1) and (3), respectively.

## Our Code



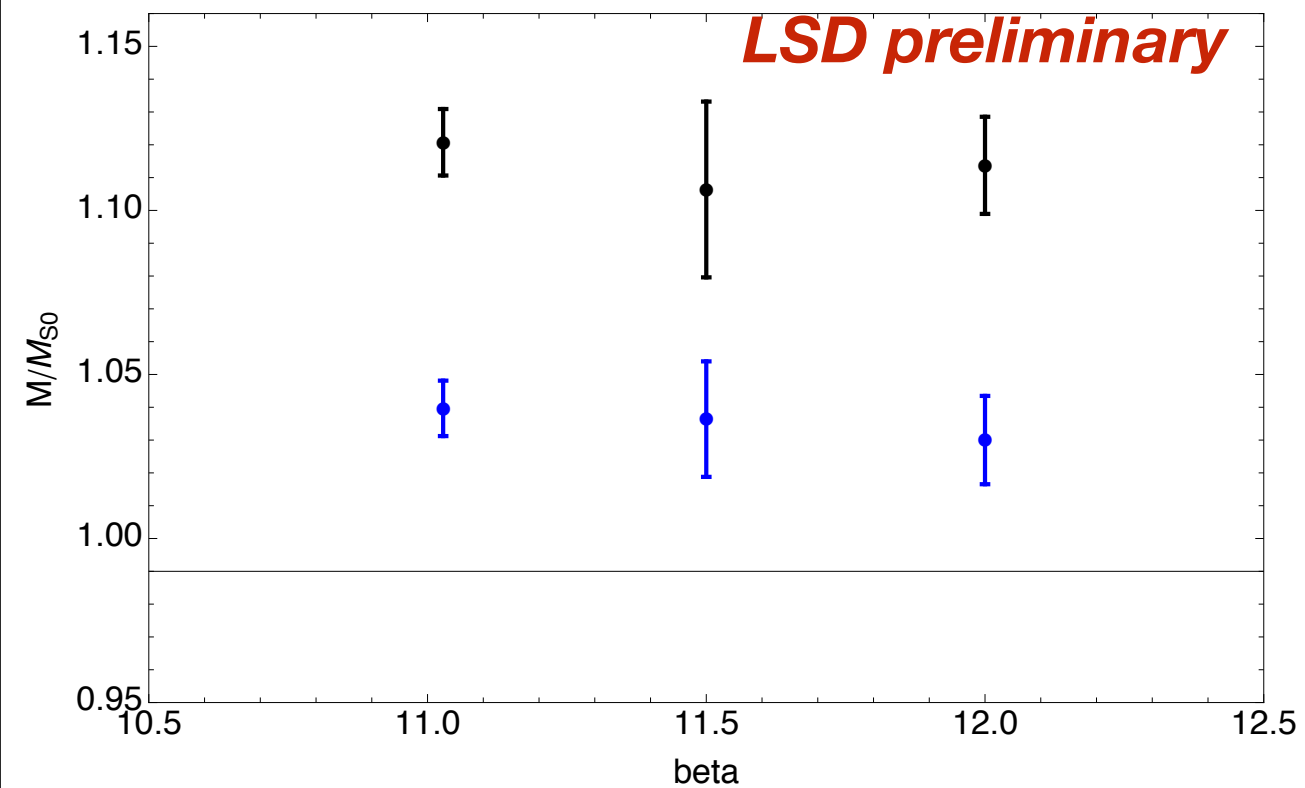
# Set of ensembles

$N_c$	$\beta$	$\kappa$	$N_s^3 \times N_t$	# Meas.
4	11.028	0.1554	$16^3 \times 32$	4878
			$32^3 \times 64$	1126
		0.15625	$16^3 \times 32$	4765
			$32^3 \times 64$	1146
			$48^3 \times 96$	1091
		0.1572	$32^3 \times 64$	1075
	11.5	0.1515	$16^3 \times 32$	2975
			$32^3 \times 64$	1057
		0.1520	$16^3 \times 32$	2872
			$32^3 \times 64$	1052
		0.1523	$16^3 \times 32$	2976
			$32^3 \times 64$	914
			$48^3 \times 96$	637
			$64^3 \times 128$	489
		0.1524	$16^3 \times 32$	2970
			$32^3 \times 64$	863
		0.1527	$32^3 \times 64$	1011

	12.0	0.1475	$32^3 \times 64$	1125
		0.1480	$32^3 \times 64$	1189
		0.1486	$32^3 \times 64$	1055
		0.1491	$16^3 \times 32$	411
		0.1491	$32^3 \times 64$	1050
		0.1491	$48^3 \times 96$	1150
		0.1491	$64^3 \times 128$	928
		0.1495	$32^3 \times 64$	1043
		0.1496	$32^3 \times 64$	1009
3	6.0175	0.1537	$32^3 \times 64$	1000
		0.1547	$32^3 \times 64$	1000

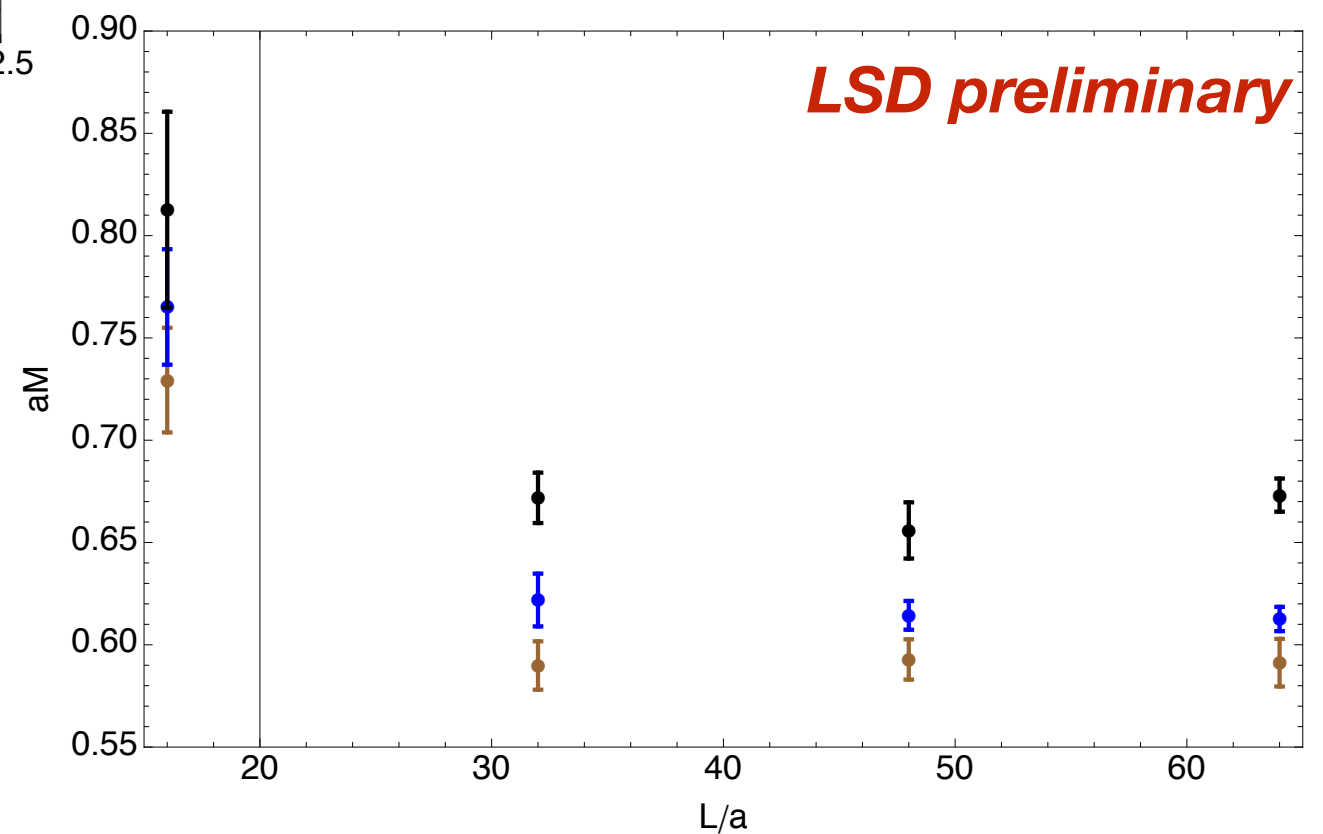
- Quenching allows huge volumes!
- 3-color lattices matched for comparison (string tension)
- All measurements with two valence fermions (we assume splitting between vector-like masses.)

# Study of systematic effects



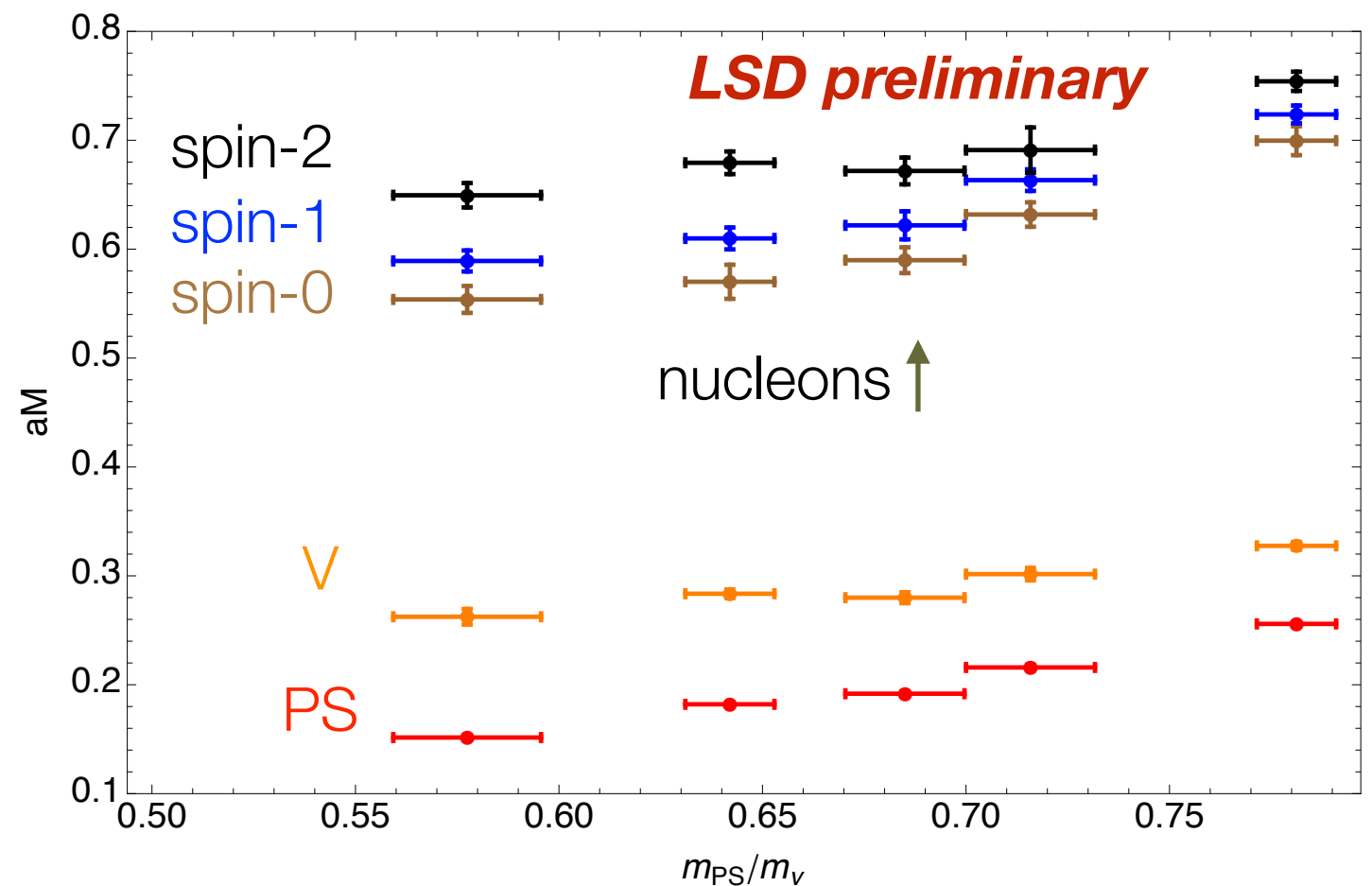
Cutoff effects

Finite-volume effects

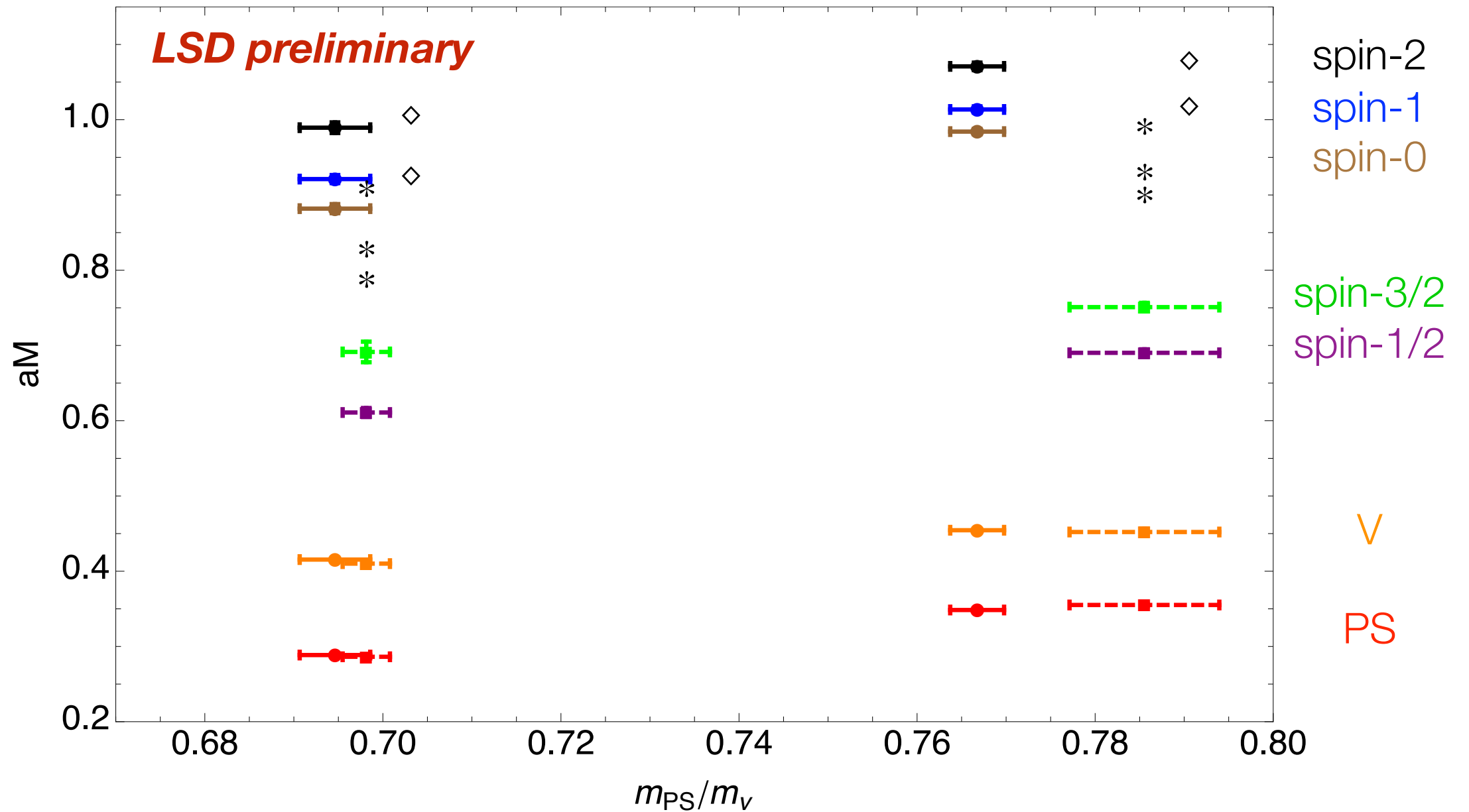


# Spectrum

- Spectrum scaling with input mass shown right.
- Study of splitting masses in the immediate future... is there a corner of the space where the spin-1 baryon is lightest?







$$* : M(N_c, J) = N_c m_0 + \frac{J(J+1)}{N_c} B + \mathcal{O}(1/N_c^2)$$

$$\diamond : M(N_c, J) = N_c m_0^{(0)} + C + \frac{J(J+1)}{N_c} B + \mathcal{O}(1/N_c^2)$$

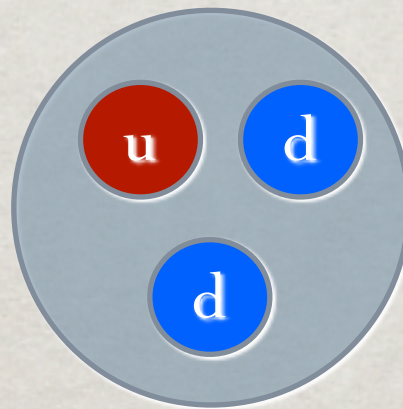


# BARYON FLAVOR SYMMETRY

Invariant under  $SU(N_f)$  transformations

## ★ Flavor Non-symmetric

Example: (3-color neutron ala QCD)



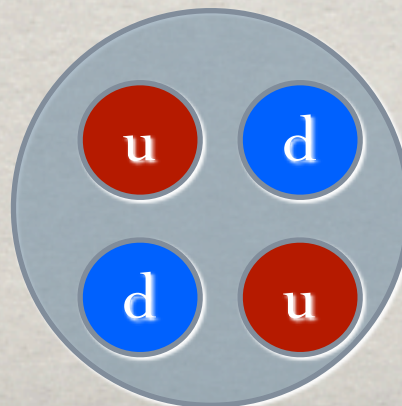
$$Q_u = Q_d$$

or

$$Q_u \neq Q_d$$

## ★ Flavor Symmetric

Example: (4-color neutron)



$$Q_u = -Q_d$$

only



(slide courtesy of M. Buchoff)

# HOW WE MIGHT SEE IT?

Dim-5

$$\bar{\psi}\sigma^{\mu\nu}\psi F_{\mu\nu}$$

Magnetic  
Moment

Dim-6

$$(\bar{\psi}\psi)v_{\mu}\partial_{\nu}F^{\mu\nu}$$

Charge  
Radius

Dim-7

$$(\bar{\psi}\psi)F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu}$$

Polarizability

Odd Nc  
No baryon flavor sym.



Odd Nc  
Baryon flavor sym.



Even Nc  
No Baryon flavor sym.



Even Nc  
Baryon flavor sym.





# Direct detection: EM polarizability

- Naive first estimate: use neutron EM polarizability from PDG, assume naive scaling w/mass.

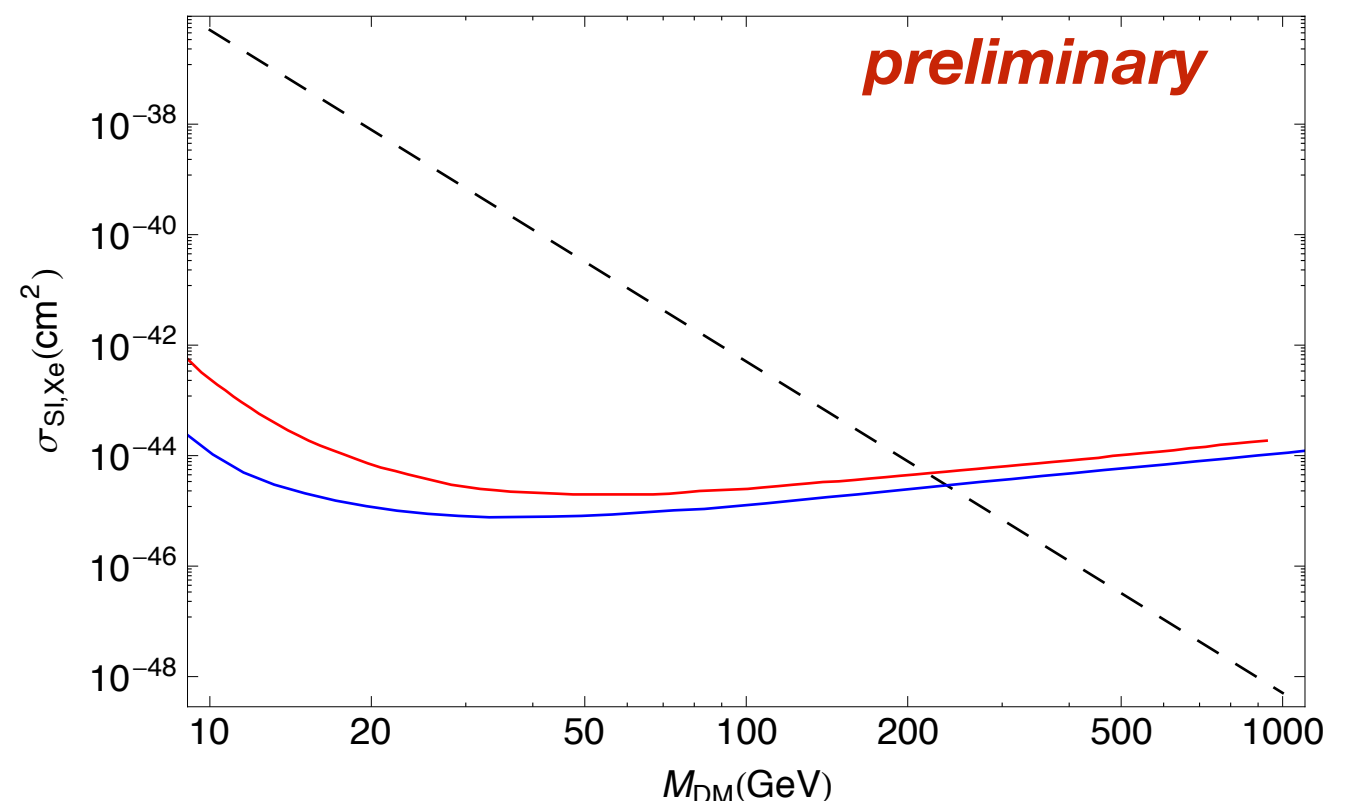
(Pospelov and ter Veldhuis, PLB 480, 181 (2000))



$$\sigma_n = \frac{144\pi}{25} \frac{m_n^2}{A^2} \frac{Z^4 \alpha^2}{37.0 \text{ GeV}^{-2}} \left( 4\pi \frac{0.135}{m_D^3} \right)^2 (0.3894 \times 10^{-27} \text{ GeV}^2/\text{cm}^2) .$$

- Potentially large cross section; tight constraint! Very hard to suppress, unlike Higgs couplings, may reliably exclude/discover composite models with EM charges
- Dimensional analysis isn't good enough - lattice calculation!

Xenon100 (red), LUX (blue) vs. QCD-scaled EM pol. (black)





# Direct detection: Higgs exchange

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- Higgs couplings for the mass-eigenstate fields:

$$\mathcal{L} \supset (\bar{\psi}_+ \bar{\psi}_-) R^{-1}(\theta) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & yh \\ yh & 0 \end{pmatrix} R(\theta) \begin{pmatrix} \psi_+ \\ \psi_- \end{pmatrix}$$

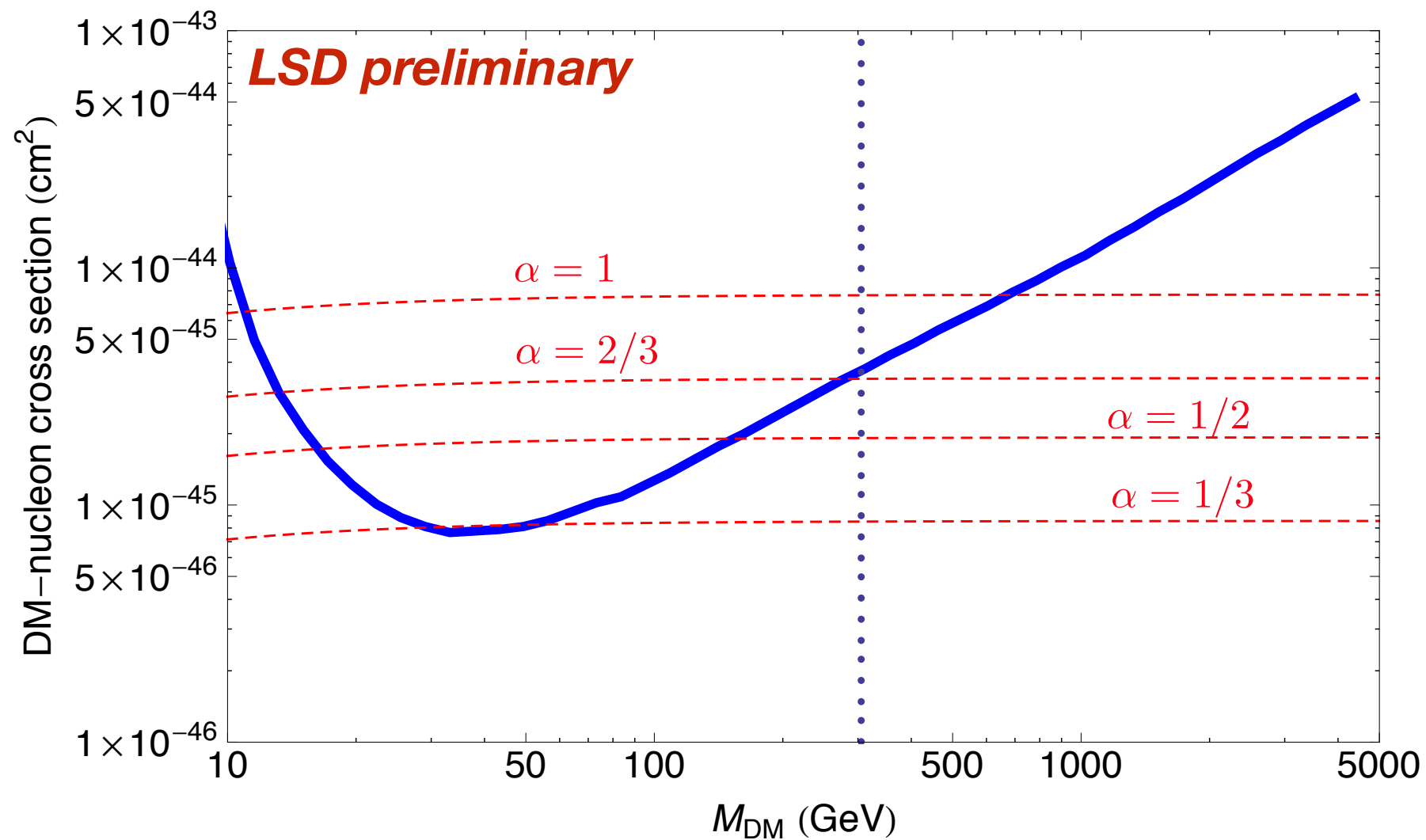
- Expanding in the small Yukawa limit:

$$\mathcal{L} \supset h \left[ \frac{2y^2 v}{\Delta} (\bar{\psi}_+ \psi_+ - \bar{\psi}_- \psi_-) + 2y \bar{\psi}_+ \psi_- - \frac{2y^3 v^2}{\Delta^2} \bar{\psi}_- \psi_+ \right]$$

- Note the FCNC-type terms! No impact on direct detection, however; contributes only to double-H exchange (or possibly inelastic scattering?)
- We can calculate Higgs-fermion couplings, but interested in coupling to baryons! As in QCD, we need the “sigma term” (extract from our spectrum):

$$\sigma_f = m_f \langle B | \bar{\psi}_f \psi_f | B \rangle = m_f \frac{\partial M_B}{\partial m_f}$$

# Direct detection: Higgs exchange, continued



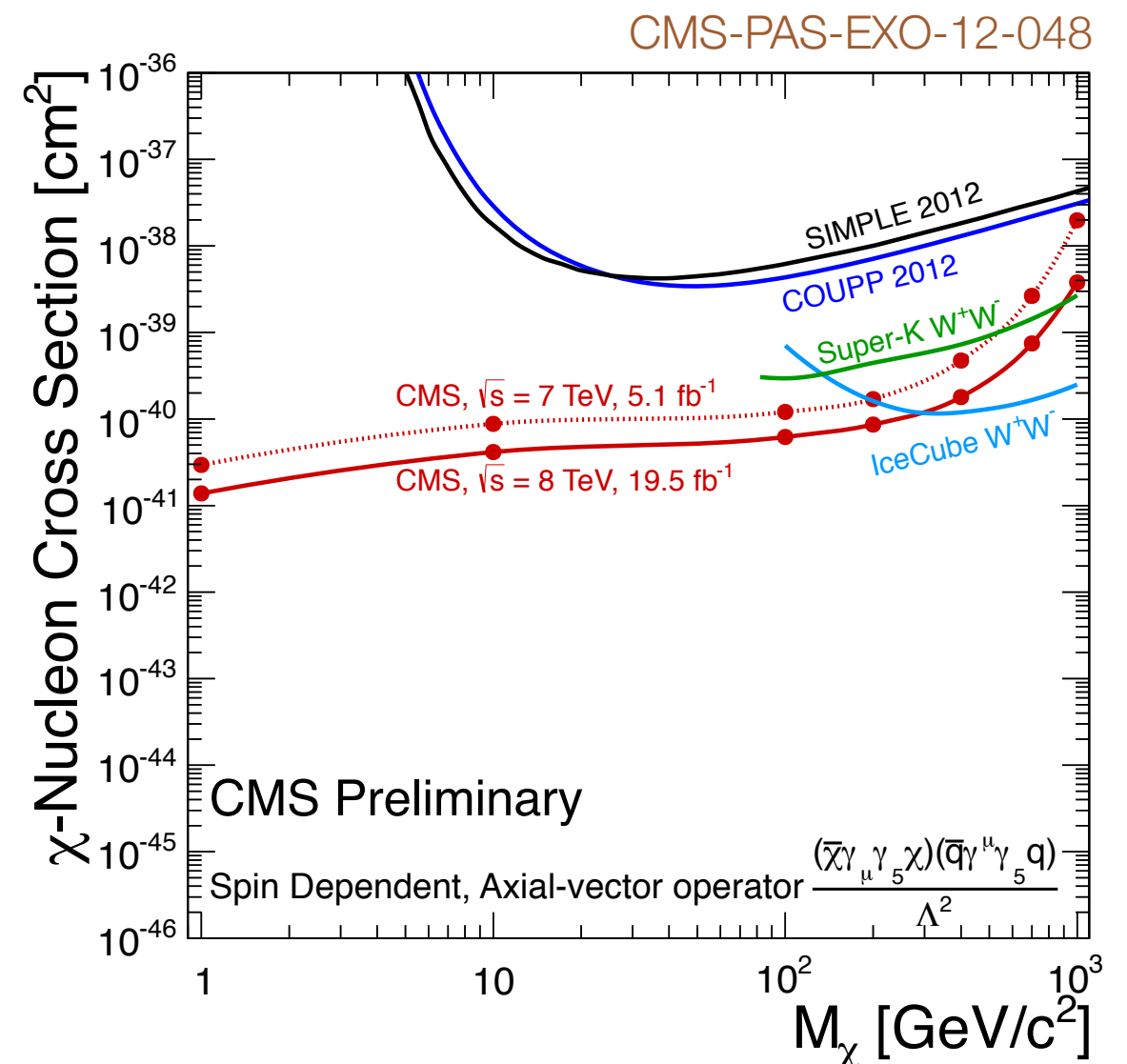
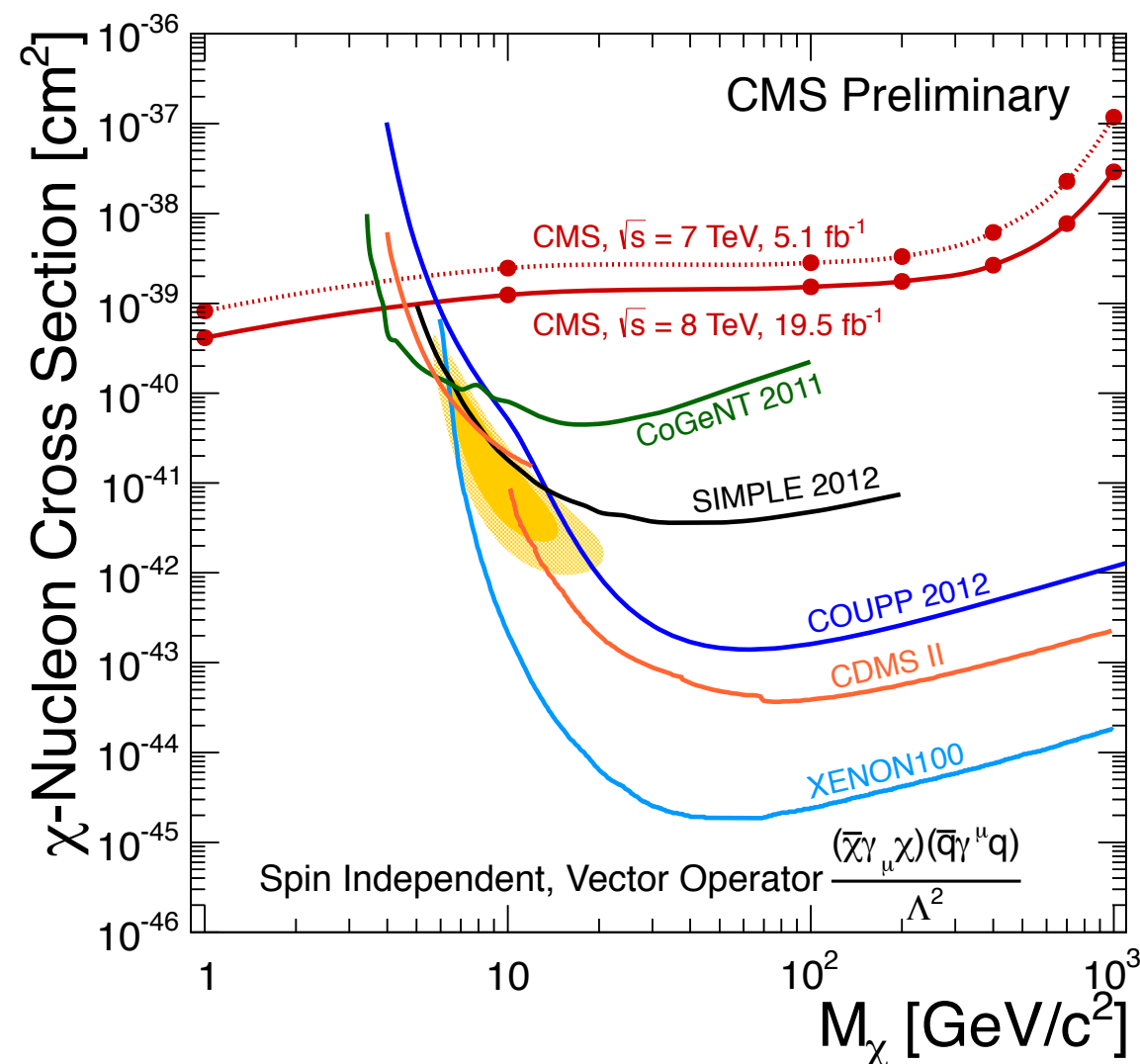
$$\sigma = \frac{\mu(m_B, m_h)^2}{4\pi A^2 m_h^4} (Z f_p + (A - Z) f_n)^2 \times g_h^2$$

$$g_h = \left[ \frac{y h}{m_f} \frac{\partial m_f}{\partial (y h)} \right]_{h=v} \left[ \frac{m_f}{M_B} \frac{\partial M_B}{\partial m_f} \right]$$

$\uparrow$   
 $\alpha \approx \frac{2(yv)^2}{\bar{M}\Delta}$

# Collider studies

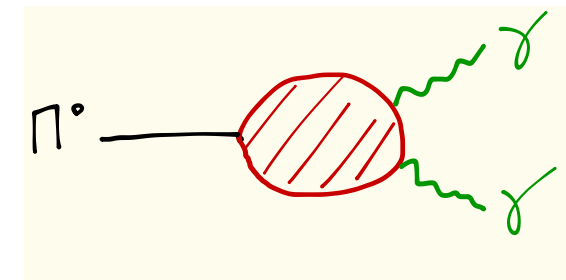
- Mesons are at least half as light as the baryons, so if we're looking in a collider we'll find those first, except for unusual circumstances.
- Baryons are in principle constrained by standard missing-energy collider DM searches, e.g. monojet:



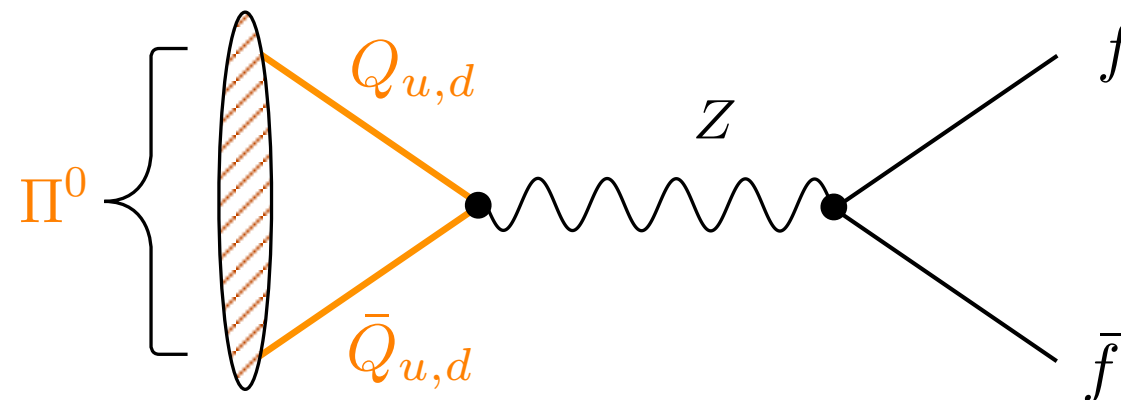
# Meson decay

- Some lessons from previous work on SU(2) composite DM still apply here for meson production and decay
- Charge assignment gives cancellation in axial anomaly diagram  
- decay to photons is suppressed!

$$\Gamma(\Pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) = \left( \frac{\alpha}{\pi F_\Pi} \frac{M^2}{16\pi^2 F_\Pi^2} \right)^2 \frac{M^3}{64\pi} = \frac{\alpha^2 M^7}{2^{14} \pi^7 F_\Pi^6}$$



- Opposite scaling for decay to fermions, mass flip in final state gives preferred decay to heaviest SM states

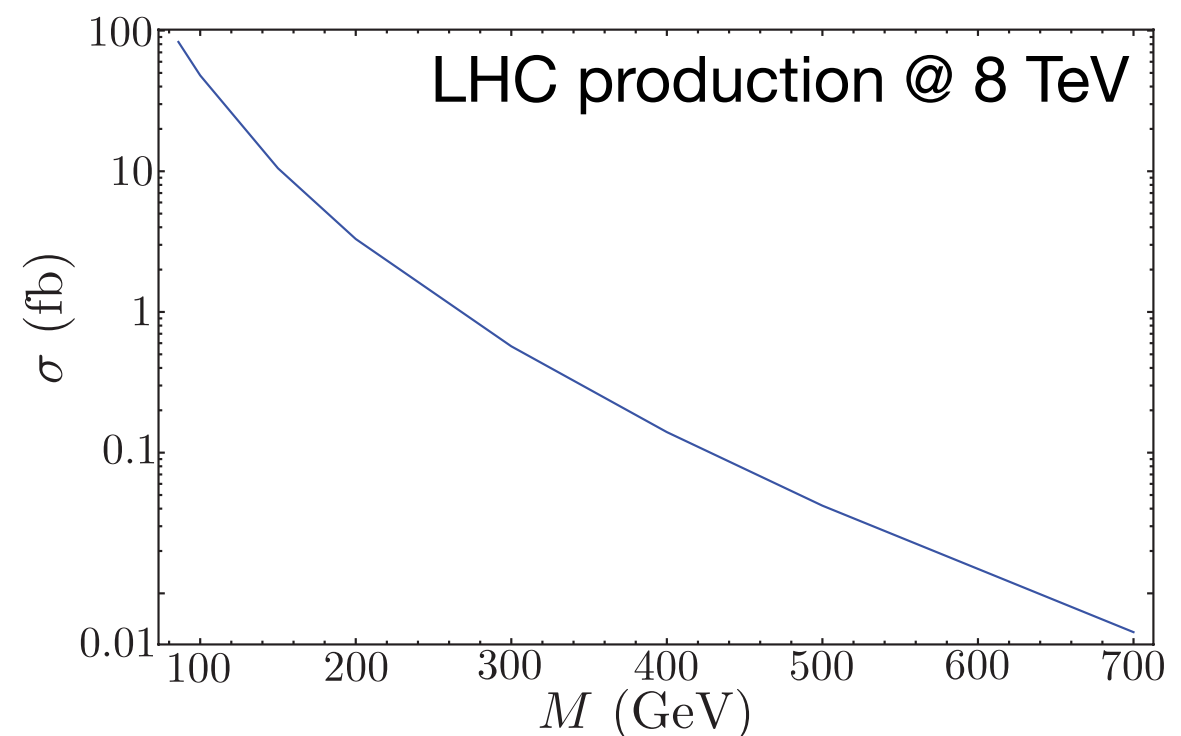
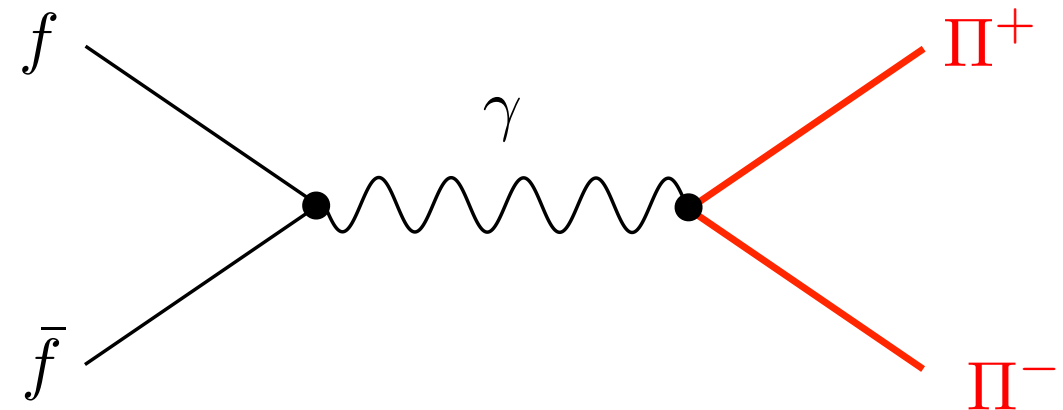


$$\Gamma(\Pi^0 \rightarrow Z^* \rightarrow f \bar{f}) = N_c \frac{G_F^2 \sin^4 \theta_W Q_Z^2 F_\Pi^2 m_f^2 (M^2 - m_f^2)}{8\pi M} \left( \frac{m_Z^2}{M^2 - m_Z^2} \right)^2$$



# Meson production and collider bounds

- Charged “pions” can be made in colliders through Drell-Yan production
- Strong bound from LEP:  $M > \sim 90$  GeV.
- Mass flip in decay leads to top-bottom resonance pair production - no dedicated searches, but some constraint from final states with many b's



# Indirect detection: fireballs and gamma rays

- With thermal origin or dark nucleon oscillation, can have an indirect gamma-ray signal from DM annihilation!
- Expected to be quite complicated...e.g. QCD annihilation at low momentum gives many-pion final states. Further study needed here...

## Proton-antiproton annihilation and meson spectroscopy with the Crystal Barrel

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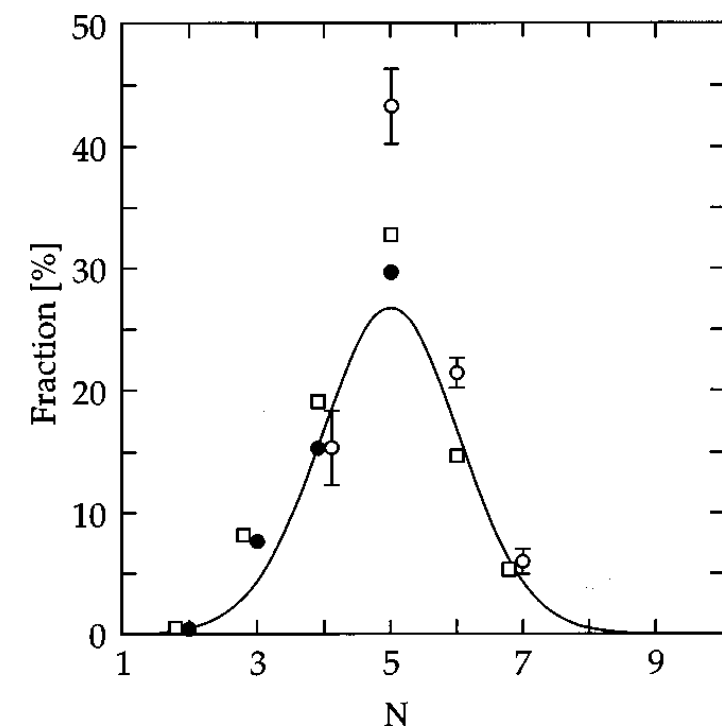
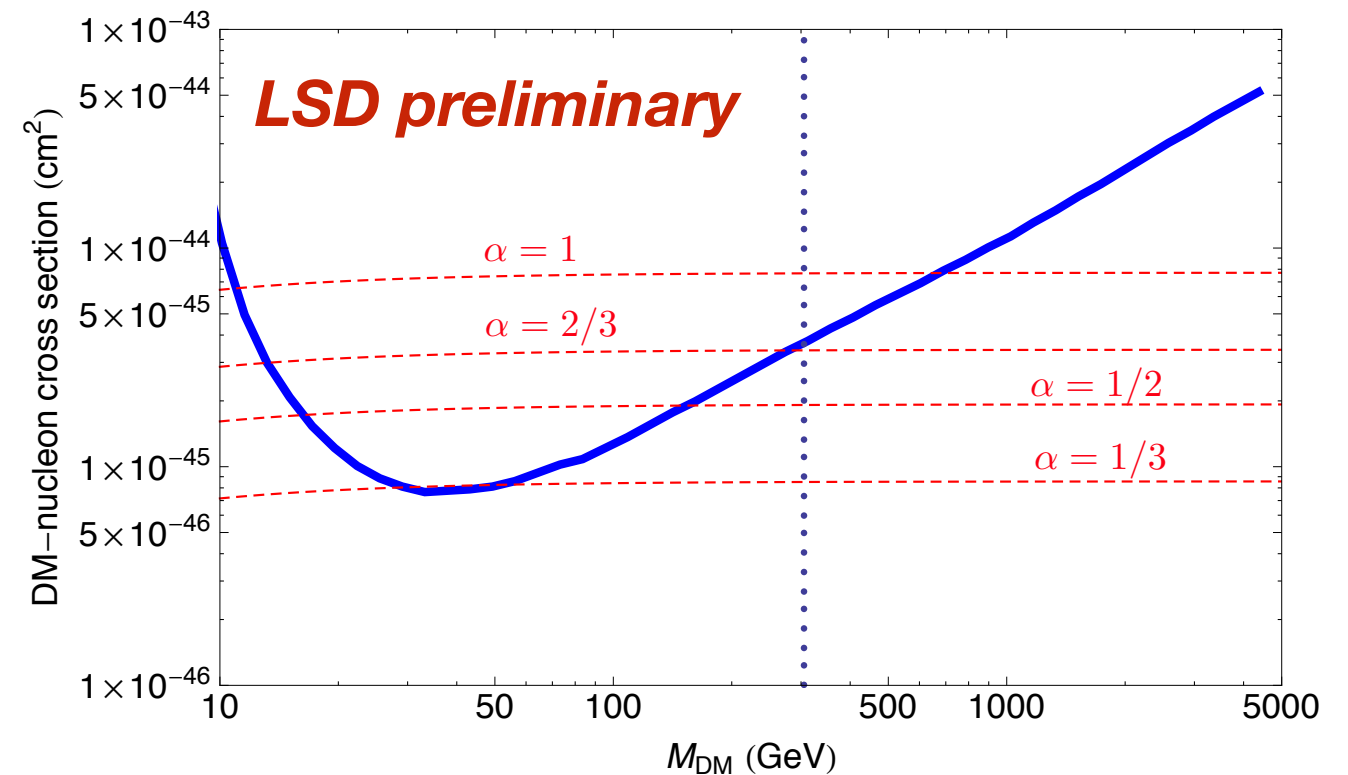


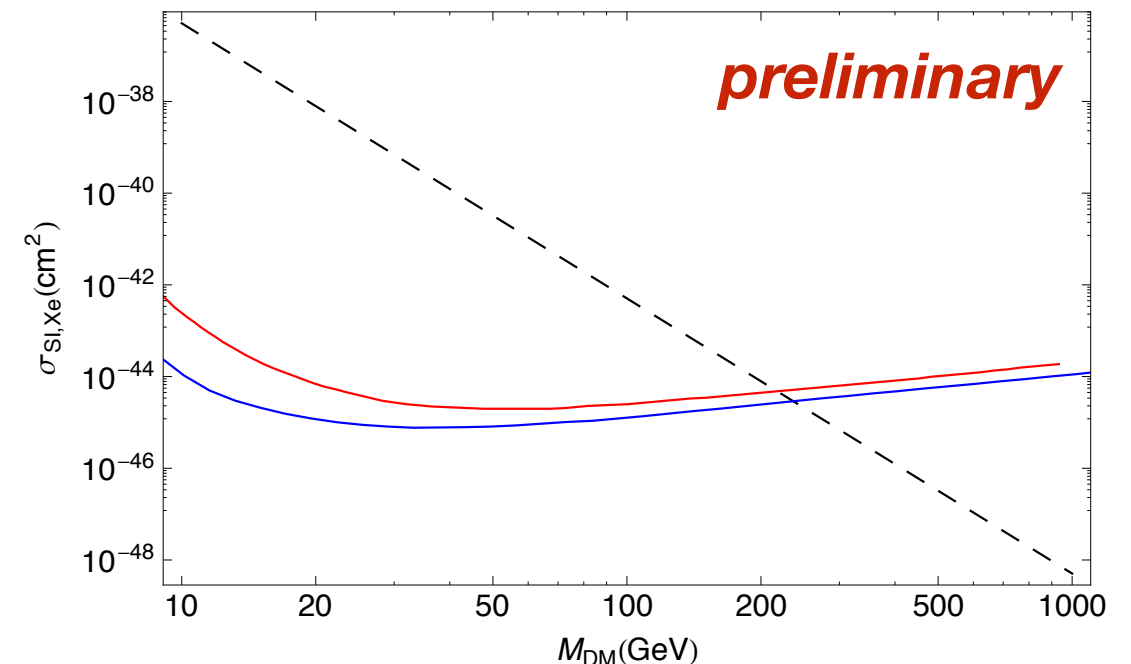
FIG. 1. Pion multiplicity distribution for  $\bar{p}p$  annihilation at rest in liquid hydrogen:  $\square$ , statistical distribution;  $\bullet$ , data;  $\circ$ , estimates from Ghesquière (1974). The curve is a Gaussian fit assuming  $\langle N \rangle = 5$ .

# Summary

- Growing motivation from astrophysics for study of composite DM. Lattice techniques are maturing enough to rigorously explore these strongly-coupled theories!
- SU(4) simple model with interesting features presented. First calculation of spectrum, coupling to Higgs boson for direct detection.
- Next steps with SU(4): EM polarizability, mass splitting, check quenching error.
- Future directions: study vacuum alignment, careful construction of relic density, self-interactions, ...
- Pure speculation: glueball DM on lattice? (model by M. Poseplov)



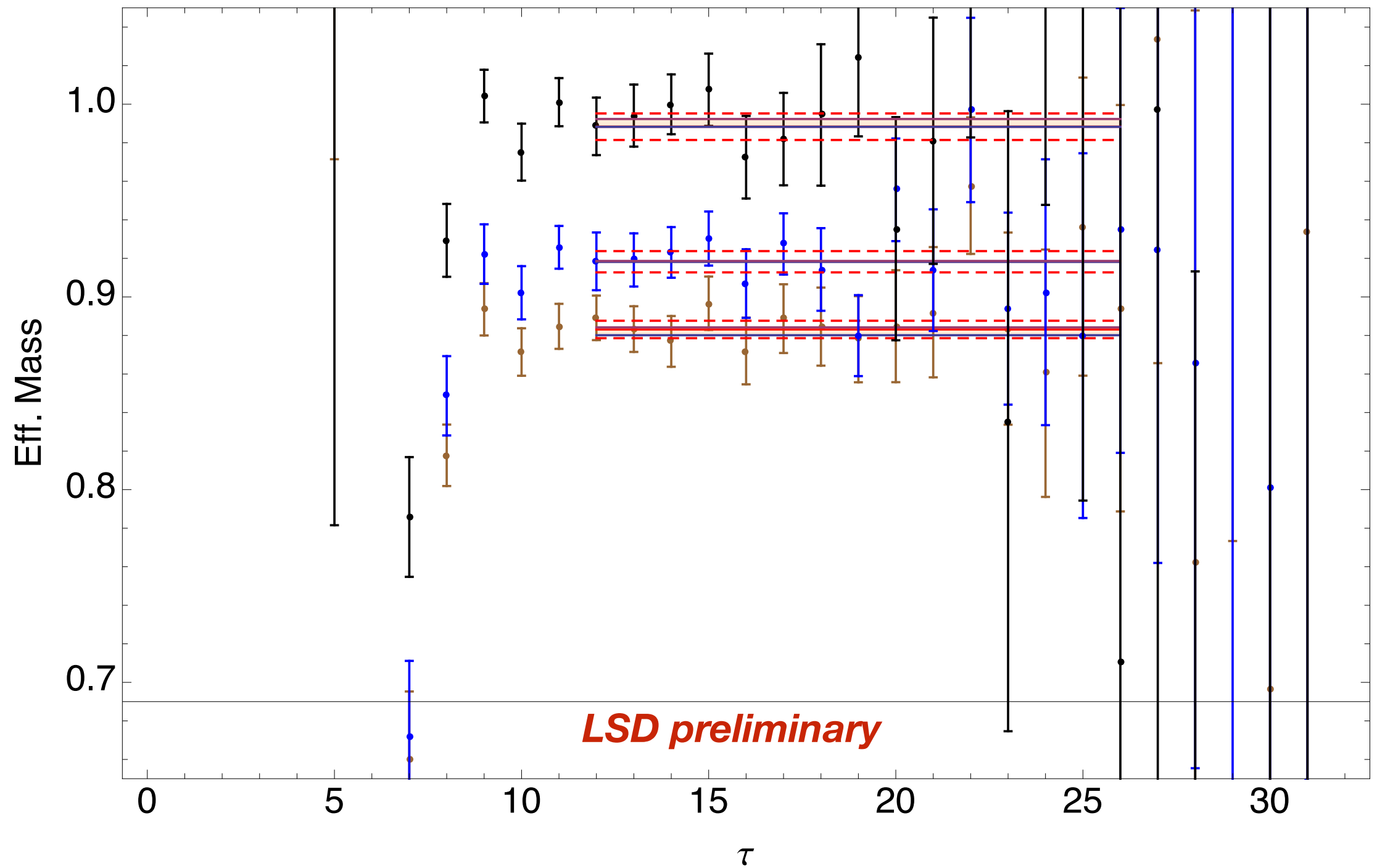
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Backup slides



# SU(4) baryon effective mass



# Measurement of antineutron-proton total and annihilation cross sections from 100 to 500 MeV/

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